MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment continued to move upward in February, as the rate edged up from 8.2 to 8.4 percent. About 196,800 Missourians were estimated to have been unemployed in February, compared to 190,900 in January. Much of this increase was seasonal, with February usually having the highest unemployment of any month in the year. Temporary layoffs in the February reference week also contributed to the rise in unemployment.

Civilian employment showed a greater-than-seasonal gain in the month, with the total climbing by 12,200 to 2,160,000. Nonfarm payroll employment was little changed over the month, however, with the total number of jobs decreasing by 2200 to 1,999,700. A drop of 3800 jobs in manufacturing -- the majority of which resulted from retooling layoffs in the automobile industry -- plus seasonal decreases in construction (2800 jobs) and retail trade (4200 jobs) were partly offset by seasonal gains in services (2600 jobs) and state and local government (6400 jobs).

The factory workweek edged down a little further to 39.3 hours in February, with a weather-related shutdown in the motor vehicles and equipment industry accounting for much of the decrease. This drop in average weekly hours forced average weekly earnings of manufacturing production

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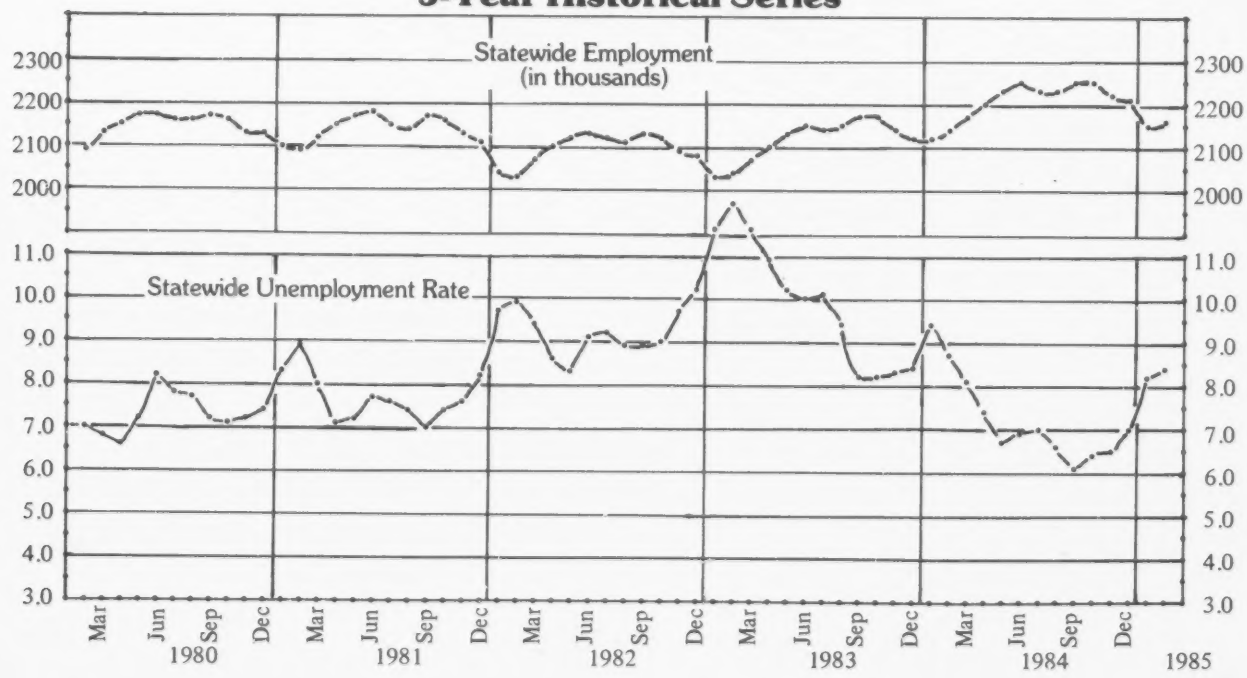

Table 1

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - FEB 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JAN 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - FEB 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2356888	2160046	196842	8.4	2338739	2147805	190934	8.2	2339268	2136635	202633	8.7
ST. LOUIS MSA	1158811	1057979	100832	8.7	1157065	1057635	99430	8.6	1156439	1046418	110021	9.5
KANSAS CITY MSA	729393	687559	41834	5.7	728655	684863	43792	6.0	723584	677933	45651	6.3
SPRINGFIELD MSA	115751	108913	6838	5.9	114781	107820	6961	6.1	115417	108115	7302	6.3
COLUMBIA MSA	60370	57344	3026	5.0	57200	54134	3066	5.4	58196	55659	2537	4.4
JOPLIN MSA	59224	54758	4466	7.5	58901	54592	4309	7.3	57326	52774	4552	7.9
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	40492	37060	3432	8.5	40388	36759	3629	9.0	42478	38700	3778	8.9
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16336	14973	1363	8.3	15971	14733	1238	7.8	16797	14731	2066	12.3
ANDREW	6216	5714	502	8.1	6101	5619	482	7.9	5821	5326	495	8.5
ATCHISON	3995	3696	299	7.5	4006	3691	315	7.9	4927	4509	418	8.5
AUDRAIN	10865	9684	1181	10.9	10935	9823	1112	10.2	10691	9808	883	8.3
BARRY	11366	10574	792	7.0	11253	10463	790	7.0	11127	10195	932	8.4
BARTON	4798	4561	237	4.9	4798	4552	246	5.1	4847	4577	270	5.6
BATES	7134	6566	568	8.0	7169	6618	551	7.7	7287	6708	579	7.9
BENTON	5257	4583	674	12.8	5227	4510	717	13.7	4928	4340	588	11.9
BOLLINGER	3273	2646	627	19.2	3175	2624	551	17.4	3213	2527	686	21.4
BUTLER	16313	14198	2115	13.0	16217	14208	2009	12.4	15833	13637	2196	13.9
CALDWELL	3541	3256	285	8.0	3510	3232	278	7.9	3501	3190	311	8.9
CALLAWAY	18034	16491	1543	8.6	17925	16387	1538	8.6	20303	18962	1341	6.6
CAMDEN	12574	11162	1412	11.2	12138	10698	1440	11.9	10898	9409	1489	13.7
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32092	30081	2011	6.3	31991	29949	2042	6.4	31001	28837	2164	7.0
CARROLL	4433	4016	417	9.4	4471	4069	402	9.0	4405	3977	428	9.7
CARTER	2797	2426	371	13.3	2744	2374	370	13.5	2977	2596	381	12.8
CEDAR	4327	3830	497	11.5	4325	3826	499	11.5	4332	3872	460	10.6
CHARITON	4686	4257	429	9.2	4604	4212	392	8.5	4535	4170	365	8.0
CLARK	3160	2740	420	13.3	3180	2744	436	13.7	3152	2655	497	15.8
CLINTON	7349	6709	640	8.7	7321	6689	632	8.6	7022	6502	520	7.4
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37219	34593	2626	7.1	36620	34024	2596	7.1	35608	33075	2533	7.1
COOPER	6889	5947	942	13.7	6654	6054	600	9.0	6764	6243	521	7.7
CRAWFORD	7855	6775	1080	13.7	7605	6671	934	12.3	7183	6383	800	11.1
DADE	3623	3451	172	4.7	3581	3420	161	4.5	3613	3420	193	5.3
DALLAS	4698	4163	535	11.4	4558	4087	471	10.3	4309	3823	486	11.3
DAVIESS	3076	2760	316	10.3	3044	2717	327	10.7	2922	2557	365	12.5
DEKALB	3504	3198	306	8.7	3493	3203	290	8.3	3136	2931	205	6.5
DENT	6043	5289	754	12.5	5983	5218	765	12.8	5832	5077	755	12.9
DOUGLAS	4478	3725	753	16.8	4417	3661	756	17.1	4334	3865	469	10.8
DUNKLIN	12810	10880	1930	15.1	12841	10777	2064	16.1	13151	11199	1952	14.8
GASCONADE	6785	6198	587	8.7	6723	6169	554	8.2	6740	6284	456	6.8
GENTRY	3706	3520	186	5.0	3700	3490	210	5.7	3798	3529	269	7.1
GRUNDY	5107	4724	383	7.5	5112	4719	393	7.7	4978	4437	541	10.9
HARRISON	4740	4375	365	7.7	4709	4372	337	7.2	4680	4276	404	8.6
HENRY	9261	8446	815	8.8	9451	8415	1036	11.0	8887	8160	727	8.2
HICKORY	2463	2165	298	12.1	2385	2132	253	10.6	2224	1943	281	12.6
HOLT	3107	2863	244	7.9	3034	2758	276	9.1	3134	2823	311	9.9
HOWARD	4744	4217	527	11.1	4490	4088	402	9.0	4623	4295	328	7.1
HOWELL	13430	11887	1543	11.5	13402	11903	1499	11.2	13197	11824	1373	10.4
IRON	4154	3249	905	21.8	4229	3273	956	22.6	4426	3845	581	13.1
JOHNSON	17436	16631	805	4.6	17194	16375	819	4.8	15689	14855	834	5.3
KNOX	2260	1982	278	12.3	2255	1968	287	12.7	2388	2061	327	13.7
LACLEDE	11602	10375	1227	10.6	11433	10217	1216	10.6	10958	9982	976	8.9
LAWRENCE	12391	11416	975	7.9	12312	11342	970	7.9	12062	10933	1129	9.4

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LEWIS	5460	4909	551	10.1	5398	4901	497	9.2	5350	4614	736	13.8
LINCOLN	10591	9488	1103	10.4	10351	9379	972	9.4	9842	8759	1083	11.0
LINN	7548	6818	730	9.7	7530	6743	787	10.5	7614	6773	841	11.0
LIVINGSTON	6487	5859	628	9.7	6447	5837	610	9.5	6724	6004	720	10.7
MACON	7490	5538	1952	26.1	7017	6405	612	8.7	6658	6028	630	9.5
MADISON	3761	3241	520	13.8	3727	3210	517	13.9	3700	3214	486	13.1
MARIES	2755	2390	365	13.2	2588	2290	298	11.5	2518	2223	295	11.7
MARION/RALLS LMA	17450	15781	1669	9.6	17529	15757	1772	10.1	17707	15743	1964	11.1
MCDONALD	5454	4973	481	8.8	5491	4921	570	10.4	5285	4755	530	10.0
MERCER	1688	1541	147	8.7	1684	1545	139	8.3	1760	1599	161	9.1
MILLER	10479	8586	1893	18.1	10204	8393	1811	17.7	10060	8475	1585	15.8
MISSISSIPPI	6529	5559	970	14.9	6472	5473	999	15.4	6467	5542	925	14.3
MONITEAU	4884	3793	1091	22.3	4863	3810	1053	21.7	4763	3798	965	20.3
MONROE	4476	4024	452	10.1	4333	3972	361	8.3	4317	4010	307	7.1
MONTGOMERY	5212	4564	648	12.4	5077	4495	582	11.5	5130	4610	520	10.1
MORGAN	5617	4730	887	15.8	5507	4657	850	15.4	5437	4551	886	16.3
NEW MADRID	11205	9968	1237	11.0	11235	9894	1341	11.9	11319	10080	1239	10.9
NODAWAY	10422	9836	586	5.6	10315	9723	592	5.7	10211	9546	665	6.5
OREGON	3070	2574	496	16.2	3053	2536	517	16.9	3031	2633	398	13.1
OZARK	3976	3438	538	13.5	3829	3358	471	12.3	3632	3183	449	12.4
PEMISCOT	8185	7169	1016	12.4	8264	7148	1116	13.5	8068	6923	1145	14.2
PERRY	6972	6242	730	10.5	6867	6192	675	9.8	6759	6087	672	9.9
PETTIS	16549	15006	1543	9.3	16359	14789	1570	9.6	15974	14440	1534	9.6
PHELPS	15867	14498	1369	8.6	15219	14015	1204	7.9	15367	14179	1188	7.7
PIKE	6559	5674	885	13.5	6471	5554	917	14.2	7015	6048	967	13.8
POLK	8939	8355	584	6.5	8844	8261	583	6.6	8391	7785	606	7.2
PULASKI	8879	8048	831	9.4	8722	7878	844	9.7	8875	7978	897	10.1
PUTNAM	2639	2421	218	8.3	2639	2400	239	9.1	2927	2562	365	12.5
RANDOLPH	11669	10144	1525	13.1	11408	10426	982	8.6	11370	10475	895	7.9
REYNOLDS	2165	1651	514	23.7	2146	1634	512	23.9	2466	1945	521	21.1
RIPLEY	3357	2812	545	16.2	3304	2811	493	14.9	3254	2724	530	16.3
SALINE	13848	12894	954	6.9	13843	12827	1016	7.3	13429	12565	864	6.4
SCOTLAND	2441	2235	206	8.4	2407	2227	180	7.5	2268	2019	249	11.0
SCOTT	16731	14853	1878	11.2	16765	14879	1886	11.2	17073	15132	1941	11.4
SHANNON	2970	2327	643	21.6	2893	2335	558	19.3	3107	2375	732	23.6
SHELBY	3085	2643	442	14.3	3065	2817	248	8.1	3006	2806	200	6.7
ST. CLAIR	3708	3428	280	7.6	3639	3352	287	7.9	3643	3353	290	8.0
ST. FRANCOIS	19332	16953	2379	12.3	18845	16497	2348	12.5	19480	17247	2233	11.5
STE. GENEVIEVE	5931	5298	633	10.7	5792	5285	507	8.8	5643	5092	551	9.8
STODDARD	12496	11066	1430	11.4	12646	11008	1638	13.0	12433	10642	1791	14.4
STONE	7042	5465	1577	22.4	6890	5332	1558	22.6	6933	5313	1620	23.4
SULLIVAN	3237	2967	270	8.3	3245	2953	292	9.0	3355	3013	342	10.2
TANEY	13011	10598	2413	18.5	13202	10774	2428	18.4	11928	9621	2307	19.3
TEXAS	8087	6507	1580	19.5	7912	6628	1284	16.2	7998	6825	1173	14.7
VERNON	9430	8785	645	6.8	9361	8756	605	6.5	9321	8693	628	6.7
WARREN	7009	6391	618	8.8	6948	6358	590	8.5	5925	5226	699	11.8
WASHINGTON	4911	3048	1863	37.9	4667	3567	1100	23.6	4585	3613	972	21.2
WAYNE	4344	3555	789	18.2	4241	3520	721	17.0	4127	3397	730	17.7
WEBSTER	8119	7214	905	11.1	7830	6972	858	11.0	7442	6670	772	10.4
WORTH	1094	993	101	9.2	1085	985	100	9.2	1052	948	104	9.9
WRIGHT	7105	6245	860	12.1	7105	6261	844	11.9	7184	6484	700	9.7

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
February, 1984

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1996.6	1998.9	1967.9									
Total Manufacturing	429.1	432.9	424.1	373.74	377.15	366.83	39.3	39.7	40.4	9.51	9.50	9.08
Durable Goods	245.4	248.4	240.6	411.20	414.72	407.95	40.0	40.5	41.5	10.28	10.24	9.83
Lumber & Wood Products	10.5	10.6	10.0	228.28	230.63	234.08	37.3	37.5	38.5	6.12	6.15	6.08
Furniture & Fixtures	11.3	11.2	10.4	311.18	307.73	301.49	43.4	43.1	41.7	7.17	7.14	7.23
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.1	10.3	10.8	412.29	404.77	408.04	40.5	39.8	41.3	10.18	10.17	9.88
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	534.48	429.70	527.22	39.3	39.5	39.7	13.60	13.41	13.28
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.3	2.4	480.73	492.47	436.21	41.3	42.2	39.8	11.64	11.67	10.96
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.0	7.1	7.4	377.20	366.52	382.20	40.0	39.2	42.0	9.43	9.35	9.10
Primary Metal Industries	13.7	13.8	13.6	432.68	434.32	448.94	40.1	39.7	40.3	10.79	10.94	11.14
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	2.1	1.9	372.91	352.04	348.30	41.9	39.6	40.5	8.90	8.89	8.60
Nonferrous Foundries	3.1	3.1	3.0	353.68	349.06	317.60	44.1	43.2	39.9	8.02	8.08	7.96
Other Primary Metals	8.6	8.6	8.8	478.17	484.43	515.91	38.5	38.6	40.4	12.42	12.55	12.77
Fabricated Metal Products	28.1	27.8	28.1	379.35	381.24	388.63	40.1	40.3	41.3	9.46	9.46	9.41
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	10.6	10.6	10.5	369.66	362.50	358.29	40.4	40.1	39.2	9.15	9.04	9.14
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	17.4	17.2	17.5									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.5	31.4	32.0	390.57	392.75	397.54	40.1	40.2	40.4	9.74	9.77	9.84
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	50.5	51.8	48.5	382.70	377.99	356.59	40.8	40.6	40.8	9.38	9.31	8.74
Transportation Equipment	71.1	72.7	68.5	552.62	567.51	544.43	39.7	42.1	43.8	13.92	13.48	12.43
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	32.1	38.4	37.7	541.11	538.46	524.80	40.9	40.7	41.0	13.23	13.32	12.80
Other Transportation Equip.	39.0	38.4	37.7	541.11	538.46	524.80	40.9	40.7	41.0	13.23	13.32	12.80
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.8	11.9	11.9	282.74	270.60	325.21	39.6	37.9	42.4	7.14	7.14	7.67
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.8	6.8	6.9	239.44	232.63	264.27	36.5	35.9	39.8	6.56	6.48	6.64
Nondurable Goods	183.7	184.5	183.5	324.78	326.94	316.68	38.3	38.6	39.0	8.48	8.47	8.12
Food & Kindred Products	44.3	44.5	44.9	386.11	387.69	383.72	40.6	40.3	41.8	9.51	9.62	9.18
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	11.6	11.8	11.7	271.76	267.33	277.38	40.5	38.8	41.9	6.71	6.89	6.62
Dairy Products	6.3	6.3	6.4	394.70	392.60	417.41	41.9	41.9	44.5	9.42	9.37	9.38
Grain Mill Products	7.2	7.1	7.4	405.37	421.45	419.79	40.7	41.4	43.1	9.96	10.18	9.74
Bakery Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	385.76	386.80	363.58	37.2	37.3	36.8	10.37	10.37	9.88
Beverages	10.0	10.0	9.7	604.44	589.11	519.43	41.4	40.6	39.5	14.60	14.51	13.15

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Other Food & Kindred	4.1	4.1	4.3	391.27	411.40	418.71	40.8	42.5	43.3	9.59	9.68	9.67
Textile & Apparel	25.0	24.9	25.6	184.38	189.16	186.79	34.4	34.9	36.2	5.36	5.42	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	13.3	13.3	13.1	366.33	380.70	345.23	40.3	42.3	39.5	9.09	9.00	8.74
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.6	6.6	6.6	381.92	385.73	35.15	41.2	41.7	39.0	9.27	9.25	8.85
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.7	6.7	6.5	353.63	376.21	346.00	39.6	42.8	40.0	8.93	8.79	8.65
Printing & Publishing	40.2	40.2	38.7	365.77	360.69	364.05	37.4	37.3	38.2	9.78	9.67	9.53
Commercial Printing	12.7	12.8	12.2	433.48	420.25	429.55	40.1	40.1	40.6	10.81	10.48	10.58
Other Printing & Publishing	27.5	27.5	26.5	302.93	304.13	304.20	34.9	34.6	36.0	8.68	8.79	8.45
Chemicals & Allied	29.4	29.2	28.3	453.95	452.94	420.24	41.8	41.9	41.2	10.86	10.81	10.20
Leather & Leather Products	18.2	18.9	19.9	177.75	189.12	186.55	33.1	34.7	35.0	5.37	5.45	5.33
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.6	15.3	15.6	169.45	183.51	182.85	32.4	34.3	34.5	5.23	5.35	5.42
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	3.6	3.7	4.3	213.94	211.63	200.00	36.2	36.3	36.9	5.91	5.83	5.42
Other Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.4	13.0	314.42	318.57	304.67	41.1	41.0	40.3	7.654	7.77	7.56
Total Nonmanufacturing	1567.5	156.9	1543.7									
Mining	5.7	5.9	6.3									
Construction	69.2	72.0	73.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	133.6	133.6	132.2									
Railroad Transportation	13.2	13.2	13.0									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	69.0	68.9	67.4									
Communications	51.4	51.5	51.8									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	471.0	475.3	462.6									
Wholesale Trade	130.7	130.8	129.9									
Retail Trade	340.3	344.5	332.7									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	113.4	113.3	111.9									
Services	431.2	428.6	422.4									
Government	343.4	337.3	335.1									
Federal Government	68.8	69.0	68.5									
State & Local Government	274.7	268.3	266.6									

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workers down by $3.41 to $373.74, since average hourly earnings were little changed at $9.51. The drop in hours compared to last year (the February 1983 workweek averaged 40.4 hours) limited the gain in average weekly earnings to 1.9 percent over the year, despite a 43 cent gain in average hourly earnings.

The labor market situation has been fairly stable since late last summer, when a slowdown from the rapid rates of economic growth experienced in the first two years of recovery brought with it a virtual halt in the rapid improvement noted in employment and unemployment. Other than the usual seasonal movements, there has been little change or possibly even a slight increase in unemployment since about last September. Employment seems to have increased a little, if somewhat haltingly, during this period.

Compared to a year ago, the labor force is up by about 17,000, total employment has grown by about 23,000, and unemployment is down by about 6000. The February 1984 unemployment rate of 8.4 percent is down a little from the year-earlier rate of 8.7 percent. Growth of payroll employment has been similar to total employment, with the February 1984 jobs total being about 29,000 above the corresponding 1983 level. About 5000 of the increase occurred in the manufacturing industries, with most of the nonmanufacturing gains occurring in retail trade, services, and state and local government.

National Labor Market Conditions

National unemployment was little changed in February, with the seasonally adjusted civilian rate edging down to 7.3 percent from January's 7.4 percent. There has been little change in the unemployment rate since about last May.

The not-seasonally-adjusted rates, which are more comparable to Missouri's published data, were 8.0 percent in January and 7.8 percent in February. Like in Missouri, total employment increased somewhat in February.

Since the beginning of recovery in late 1982, employment, as measured on both household and establishment bases, has increased by about 7-1/2 million. During the same period, the number of jobless Americans has fallen by about 3-1/2 million. The difference between employment growth and the decrease in unemployment is accounted for by growth of the labor force.

Outlook

The U.S. Commerce Department's "flash" estimate of gross national product placed the nation's economic growth rate at only 2.1 percent in the first quarter, considerably less than had been expected. This measure is based on limited imputs and is usually subject to large revisions, but it does seem to suggest that the economy was fairly sluggish in the opening months of 1985.

Another key economic figure -- the index of leading economic indicators -- increased substantially in February, following an even larger gain in January. The interpretation of these increases is mixed, with some analysts seeing them as indicative of accelerating growth in upcoming months while others feel that growth will be limited by sluggishness in the manufacturing sector. All things considered, it looks like the current situation of relative stability in the labor markets will continue at least for the next few months.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — February, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,356,800	2,338,700	2,339,200	18,100	17,600
Total Employed	2,160,000	2,147,800	2,136,600	12,200	23,400
Total Unemployed	196,800	190,900	202,600	5,900	-5,800
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	8.4	8.2	8.7	0.2	-0.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Comestics (No. of Jobs)	1,997,500	1,999,700	1,967,900	-2,200	29,600
Manufacturing	430,000	433,800	424,100	-3,800	5,900
Durable Goods	245,400	248,400	240,600	-3,000	4,800
Nondurable Goods	184,600	185,400	183,500	-800	1,100
Nonmanufacturing	1,567,500	1,565,900	1,543,700	1,600	23,800
State Initial Claims (Wkly Average)	10,343	15,649	8,345	-5,306	1,998
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	67,941	64,192	60,413	3,749	7,528
Insured Unemployment Rate	3.6	2.9	3.0	0.7	0.6
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	4,176	4,704	4,912	-528	736
Amount of Benefits Paid	$22,093,719	$20,917,129	$18,218,907	$1,176,590	$3,874,812
State U.I.	21,760,157	20,510,486	17,804,322	1,249,671	3,955,835
UCFE	153,823	190,110	234,068	-36,287	-80,245
UCX	179,739	216,533	180,517	-36,794	-778

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte, Lafayette and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Miami and Leavenworth counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

February, 1985

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An increase in the employment of temporary workers pushed the February 1985 unemployment rate to 5.7 per cent of the labor force, down by three tenths of a percentage point from the January rate. Despite the increase of 2,700 in the number of employed civilian workers, non-agricultural establishment payrolls showed a modest loss of 1,500 jobs from January to February 1985. Most of the movements recorded in the labor market over-the-month were relatively minor. The civilian labor force showed modest job growth of 700, while the number of unemployed workers fell by 2,000. Across the industrial sectors, movements in employment were affected mainly by seasonal factors.

Wage and salaried employment in February 1985 was 661,800, down by 1,500 from the January 1985 total of 663,300. The bulk of the over-the-month losses was concentrated in the Nonmanufacturing industries. Manufacturing employment showed little change over-the-month. Minor losses in Stone, Clay and Glass, Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Food and Kindred and Printing and Publishing were generally offset by minor gains in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Equipment and Apparel and Textiles. Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, seasonal losses of 1,900 jobs in Retail Trade were concentrated in department stores, eating and drinking establishments and miscellaneous retail stores, primarily non-store retailers. Moderate losses of 300 jobs in Wholesale Trade were equally spread between Durable and Nondurable Goods. The Construction industry sustained less severe losses over the period from January to February, compared to the losses recorded from December to January. Continued activity on Construction projects in the Metropolitan Area kept the employment losses down to 1,000 jobs. Despite the onset of tax processing time, the Federal Government sector showed a decline of 300 jobs apparently reflecting the increased use of computers in tax processing operations. The only significant increase over-the-month was in State and Local Government, which showed an increase of 1,400 jobs, primarily in local schools. The return to work of school personnel, who were temporarily laid off during the previous month semester break accounted for the increase. Similarly, an increase in the employment in the private school sector resulted in a modest gain of 400 jobs in Services. A small increase in Transportation, Communications and Utilities was registered primarily in long distance trucking.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 13,400 from February 1984 to February 1985. Manufacturing increased by 4,700 jobs, with 2,300 jobs added in Durable Goods and 2,400 jobs added in Nondurable Goods. Nonmanufacturing employment registered the largest gain with 8,700 jobs and accounted for 65 per cent of the total job growth over-the-year. The Services industry set the pace registering 2,600 jobs over year ago figures. Among the other Nonmanufacturing industries, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, with 1,600 new jobs, Construction with 1,400 jobs, Transportation, Communications and Utilities with 1,100 additional jobs and the combined Retail and Wholesale Trade sector, with 1,800 jobs, accounted for the remaining 6,100 new jobs created. Within Manufacturing, the healthy climate for automobile sales contributed to the Motor Vehicle Equipment sector showing 2,100 more jobs over its year earlier level. Increased sales in communication and electronic equipment and renewed strength of the automotive industry contributed to the growth of 1,300 jobs over-the-year in the Electrical Equipment industry. Except for small losses in Primary Metals and Petroleum and the continued slump in Machinery, which combined accounted for a total loss of 1,900 jobs, all other Manufacturing industries recorded increases over last year's levels.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 41,800 in February 1985 for 5.7 per cent of the labor force, compared with 43,800 in January 1985 for 6.0 per cent of the labor force and 45,700 in February 1984 for 6.3 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's economy is expected to show real improvement in March 1985. Generally mild spring-like weather, coupled with continued construction activity, should cooperate to bring Construction employment out of its temporary slump. Services employment will continue to increase as recreation and tourist operations begin hiring in preparation for summer activities. Employment in Retail Trade will rebound from its February low point with moderate gains. While no major declines are anticipate, high levels of inventories may prevent sizable gains in Manufacturing empoyment. Unemployment is expected to be 5.3 per cent of the labor force in March 1985, compared to 5.7 per cent in February 1985 and 6.1 per cent in March 1984.

The unemployment rate in the Area may fall another three tenths of a percentage point in April 1985. Continued expansion in employment in the Construction, Services and Retail Trade sectors will follow as mild spring weather embraces the Area. Manufacturing employment is expected to change little over-the-month. Although no announcement has been made, the only movement in Manufacturing which may occur is the usual shutdown for retooling in the automobile assembly industry. Unemployment is expected to be 5.0 per cent of the labor force in April 1985, compared to 5.3 per cent in March 1985 and 5.8 in April 1984.

Kansas City Area-Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 31,806 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of February 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	17.2
	22-44	68.1
	45 and over	14.7
Sex:	Male	63.7
	Female	36.3
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	30.5
	Other Non-White	01.1
	Hispanic	02.0

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	49.3
Veterans	21.8
Handicapped	02.5

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated February 28, 1985.

JOB PLACEMENTS:

During February 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,233 and job placements totaled 2,247. There were 1,450 veteran referrals in February 1985, with 319 veteran placements. During January 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,694 and job placements totaled 2,487. There were 1,448 veteran referrals in January 1985, with 313 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated February 28, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) February 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.7	17.3	16.2
25-34	34.8	36.1	35.2
35-44	22.2	21.1	21.9
45-54	15.0	13.8	14.6
55-64	11.3	09.7	10.9
65 and over	00.6	02.0	01.0
Unreported	00.4	00.0	00.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	00.8
Mining	00.5
Construction	22.9
Manufacturing	18.9
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	04.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	20.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	01.9
Services	22.5
All Other	07.5
Information not available	00.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	08.3
Clerical	12.9
Sales	03.7
Services	10.6
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	01.5
Processing	01.8
Machine Trades	06.5
Bench Work	04.6
Structural Work	15.6
Miscellaneous	14.4
Information not available	20.1

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 8,755; 6,230 were male and 2,525 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current: February, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	661,800	663,300	648,300	-1,500	+13,500
Total Manufacturing	119,600	119,500	114,900	+100	+4,700
Durable Goods	66,800	66,800	64,500	0	+2,300
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,400	3,500	3,700	-100	-300
Primary Metal Industries	4,100	4,000	3,800	+100	+300
Fabricated Metal Products	9,300	9,200	9,200	+100	+100
Machinery Except Electrical	7,100	7,200	8,600	-100	-1,500
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,000	20,800	19,700	+200	+1,300
Transportation Equipment	14,800	14,900	12,700	-100	+2,100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,600)	(14,700)	(12,500)	(-100)	(+2,100)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,800	3,600	-100	+100
Nondurable Goods	52,800	52,700	50,400	+100	+2,400
Food & Kindred Products	10,000	10,100	9,900	-100	+200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,700	2,600	2,500	+100	+200
Paper & Allied Products	5,400	5m400	5,300	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	20,100	20,200	19,200	-100	+900
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,700	8,700	8,100	0	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	700	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,200	5,100	4,700	+100	+500
Total Nonmanufacturing	542,100	543,800	533,400	-1,700	+8,700
Mining & Quarrying	600	700	600	-100	0
Construction	24,700	25,700	23,300	-1,000	+1,400
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	51,600	51,400	50,500	+200	+1,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	167,800	170,000	166,000	-2,200	+1,800
Wholesale Trade	(52,600)	(52,900)	(51,800)	(-300)	(+800)
Retail Trade	(115,200)	(117,100)	(114,200)	(-1,900)	(+1,000)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,600	49,700	48,000	-100	+1,600
Services	145,000	144,600	142,400	+400	+2,600
Government	102,800	101,700	102,600	+1,100	+200
Federal Government	(28,200)	(28,500)	(28,200)	(-300)	(0)
State & Local Government	(74,600)	(73,200)	(74,400)	(+1,400)	(+200)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missour-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$442.49	$450.02	$429.94	42.2	41.4	41.5	$10.74	$10.87	$10.36
Durable Goods	481.90	490.12	467.58	41.4	41.5	42.2	11.64	11.81	11.08
Lumber & Furniture	302.15	291.04	313.96	39.6	38.6	40.2	7.63	7.54	7.81
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	498.62	442.32	479.89	37.1	38.0	40.6	13.44	11.64	11.82
Primary Metal Industries	423.54	430.55	465.81	39.0	39.5	40.4	10.86	10.90	11.53
Fabricated Metal Products	353.60	357.59	371.85	38.9	38.7	40.2	9.09	9.24	9.25
Fabricated Metal Products	415.31	422.06	411.84	40.4	40.7	39.0	10.28	10.37	10.56
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	487.46	485.10	447.26	43.1	42.0	42.8	11.31	11.55	10.45
Transportation Equipment	646.32	690.08	658.44	43.7	45.4	46.5	14.79	15.20	14.16
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(650.87)	(694.79)	(665.48)	(43.8)	(45.5)	(46.7)	(14.86)	(15.27)	(14.25)
Other Durable Goods	255.61	234.20	248.43	37.7	34.8	39.0	6.78	6.73	6.37
Nondurable Goods	379.55	385.22	371.39	40.9	41.2	40.5	9.28	9.35	9.17
Food & Kindred Products	417.92	407.26	421.47	42.3	41.6	44.6	9.88	9.79	9.45
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	197.11	199.02	212.51	36.1	35.1	39.5	5.46	5.67	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	376.48	395.59	348.30	40.7	42.4	40.5	9.25	9.33	8.60
Printing & Publishing	384.54	390.04	391.23	39.0	39.2	37.8	9.86	9.95	10.35
Chemicals & Allied Products	485.05	491.96	448.52	44.5	45.3	40.7	10.90	10.86	11.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	403.56	421.89	366.34	40.6	41.0	38.2	9.94	10.29	9.59
Other Nondurable Goods	282.35	291.76	265.05	41.4	41.8	39.5	6.82	6.98	6.71

* This series ecludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

February, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate in February was 8.7%. This February's rate was up only one-tenth of one percentage point from the January rate of 8.6%. The February rate normally increases by this amount each year as seasonal layoffs occur in construction, transportation, and trade. These three industries are usually at their yearly employment law point during Februray. Over the month, the number of St. Louis area residents that were unemployed increased by 1400. Total employment also increased since January, but only by 300. Over the year, the area's labor force continued to register improvement. Unemployment declined by 9200 and total employment was up by 11,600. The unemployment rate in February, 1984 was 9.5%. There were 100 labor disputants in February, 300 in January, and 100 in February, 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined by 1800 over the month. Motor vehicles, down 2200, was affected by two layoffs. A temporary layoff, of about 3 months duration affected 1700 auto assembly workers at one plant being retooled to produce a new minivan. Also in the same industry, 300 workers werre placed on indefinite layoff at a local auto parts supplier. The aircraft and parts sector continued to add workers, up 400 from January. All other manufacturing industries registered little or no movement during the month. Over the year, manufacturing rose by 2600. Increases occurred in most durable goods industries with aircraft, up 1400, showing the greatest improvement. Nondurable goods continued to register lower employment levels. Employment in this sector was down 600. The leather and apparel industries are still being affected by imports and lower than expected demand. Three industries that have added workers over the year are beverages, printing and chemicals.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 500 over the month. Seasonal layoffs occurred in construction, transportation, and trade. Construction and transportation

were affected by winter weather conditions while trade was in a normal seasonal lull between Christmas and Easter. Services and government both added workers as non-teaching school personnel, temporarily laid off between semesters in January, returned to work at private and public schools. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 22,000 workers. Trade continues to be responsible for a majority of the increase, adding 12,100 employees since February, 1984. Other industries registering substantial gains were services (+4,800), finance, insurance and real estate (+2,300) and government (+1,600).

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 4500 in February, 1985 from January, 1985. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 3700 and in the Illinois portion they were up 800.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '85	Feb.
INA	0	0	1	2
Agriculture	24	37	71	147
Mining	72	36	34	31
Constructin	987	1269	2316	4361
Manufacturing Total	3237	3363	3484	3309
Food	398	562	368	423
Textile	30	21	24	27
Apparel	145	132	206	170
Lumber	36	47	55	41
Furniture	89	82	62	57
Paper	115	87	79	79
Printing	151	162	133	172
Chemicals	168	163	135	139
Petroleum	14	25	24	18
Rubber	127	132	112	140
Leather	438	163	185	257
Stone	44	48	66	105
Primary Metal	184	212	195	221
Fabricated Metal	407	466	445	483
Machinery	67	112	113	115
Electrtical Machinery	219	242	249	172
Transportation Equip.	300	334	370	1384
Instruments	16	20	15	32
Miscellaneous	410	470	480	613
Public Utilities	646	692	769	873
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1817	1937	1832	2302
Finance	244	259	252	237
Services	5147	5380	5148	5764
All Other	311	387	247	236
TOTAL	12611	13381	13979	18605

Of the 18,605 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in February, 1985, 69.7 percent were male and 30.3 percent were female.

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '85	Feb.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1534	1529	1396	1472
Clerical	1966	2051	1920	2046
Sales	533	589	507	621
Farm, Fish & Forest	99	133	195	331
Processing	245	276	296	304
Machine Trades	1048	1083	1115	1215
Bench Work	704	774	710	767
Structural Work	1037	1311	1723	2470
Misc. Work	1596	1816	1840	2223
Domestic	68	63	51	46
Other Services	2271	2217	2032	2415
INA	1510	1529	2194	4695
TOTAL	12611	13381	13979	18605

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.1	14.6	21.7	40.2	2.1
Placements, %	43.4	13.7	38.1	37.0	2.1

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	**Openings Received Percent**	**Openings Filled Percent**
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.3	1.7
Clerical	18.2	15.8
Sales	16.6	20.8
Processing	1.1	1.4
Machine Trades	4.6	4.5
Bench Work	3.7	4.2
Structural Work	6.2	4.8
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.8	3.8
Packaging & Material Handling	9.4	13.8
Domestic	1.1	1.0
Other Services	28.9	27.1
Other Occupations	1.1	1.1

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in March, 1985 is expected to be 8.3% and in April, 7.7%. Both unemployment rate decreases are seasonal.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current: February, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,034,500	1,035,800	1,009,900	-1,300	+24,600
Percent Change				-(0.1)	+(2.4)
Manufacturing	225.700	227,500	223,100	-1,800	+2,600
Durable Goods	141,900	143,700	138,700	-1,800	+3,200
Lumber & Furniture	5,000	5,000	4,600	0	+400
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Primary Metal Industries	15,300	15,400	15,000	-100	+300
Fabricated Metal Products	17,400	17,200	17,300	+200	+100
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,800	18,900	18,100	-100	+700
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,200	15,100	14,200	+100	+1,000
Transportation Equipment	53,700	55,500	52,900	-1,800	+800
Motor Vehicles	16,900	19,100	17,200	-2,200	-300
Aircraft & Parts	35,900	35,500	34,500	+400	+1,400
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,200	13,200	13,200	0	0
Nondurable Goods	83,800	83,800	84,400	0	-600
Food & Kindred Products	21,500	21,400	21,200	+100	+300
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	+200
Textiles & Apparel	6,700	6,700	7,000	0	-300
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,900	5,900	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,500	16,500	16,200	0	+300
Chemical & Allied Products	20,700	20,600	20,300	+100	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,900	4,900	5,800	0	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,400	5,600	-100	-300
Nonmanufacturing	808,800	808,300	786,800	+500	+22,000
Mining	3,400	3,600	3,300	-200	+100
Construction	42,400	44,200	42,000	-1,800	+400
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,200	73,600	72,500	-400	+700
Railroads	7,500	7,500	7,400	0	+100
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,600	39,000	38,400	-400	+200
Communications & Public Utilities	27,100	27,100	26,700	0	+400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	245,000	247,000	232,900	-2,000	+12,100
Wholesale Trade	64,700	64,600	63,400	+100	+1,300
Retail Trade	180,300	182,400	169,500	-2,100	+10,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62,600	62,500	60,300	+100	+2,300
Service, Except Domestic	243,800	242,000	239,000	+1,800	+4,800
Total Government	138,400	135,400	136,800	+3,000	+1,600
Total Federal Government	37,500	37,400	36,900	+100	+600
Total State & Local Government	100,900	98,000	99,900	+2,900	+1,000
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	100	300	100	-200	0

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$432.84	$443.20	$427.44	39.1	40.0	41.1	$11.07	$11.08	$10.40
Durable Goods	448.50	463.39	448.93	39.0	40.4	41.8	11.50	11.47	10.74
Lumber & Furniture	360.82	376.27	339.44	42.6	43.6	40.7	8.47	8.63	8.34
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	372.01	374.71	374.45	36.4	36.7	37.9	10.22	10.21	9.88
Primary Metal Industries	456.19	452.02	447.60	38.4	37.7	40.0	11.88	11.99	11.19
Fabricated Metal Products	419.80	421.68	415.89	40.6	40.9	41.3	10.34	10.31	10.07
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	445.51	448.93	455.62	40.5	41.3	41.8	11.00	10.87	10.90
Elect & Electronic Equip.	317.81	321.26	308.11	38.9	28.8	39.4	8.17	8.28	7.82
Transportation Equipment	555.43	582.41	562.67	38.2	41.9	44.2	14.54	13.90	12.73
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	291.56	307.07	290.07	37.0	36.8	40.4	7.88	8.35	7.18
Nondurable Goods	406.36	407.15	392.00	39.3	39.3	40.0	10.34	10.36	9.80
Food & Kindred Products	490.46	496.51	467.28	40.5	41.0	39.6	12.11	12.11	11.80
Textiles & Apparel	199.92	206.06	209.17	33.6	34.4	38.1	5.95	5.99	5.49
Paper & Paper Products	404.50	415.17	402.27	40.9	41.6	41.6	9.89	9.98	9.67
Printing & Publishing	387.45	385.39	393.33	37.8	37.2	38.6	10.25	10.36	10.19
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	472.15	468.95	449.63	41.2	41.1	42.1	11.46	11.41	10.68
Petroleum & Coal Products	662.68	662.97	572.29	44.9	45.1	41.5	14.75	14.70	13.79
Leather & Leather Products	191.53	184.45	193.50	35.6	35.4	37.5	5.38	5.24	5.16
Other Nondurable Goods	322.40	324.26	322.60	40.2	39.4	41.2	8.02	8.23	7.82

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW

(GREENE AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded from 114,800 in January to 115,700 in February. This is the net result of an 1,100 gain in employment and a decrease of 200 in the number of unemployed persons. The February preliminary unemployment rate for the Springfield area, estimated at 5.9 percent, decreased from 6.1 percent in January and probably marks the start of a seasonal downtrend.

Compared to February 1984, total labor force is up 300, the number of unemployed is down 500 and the rate of unemployment shows a drop of four-tenths of a percentage point.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment rose from 93,700 in January to 94,400. This 700 gain was concentrated in the nonmanufacturing sector with total manufacturing jobs remaining at the January level. Nonmanufacturing jobs were up 700 from January to reach 75,100 in February. Seasonal influences pushed construction and government up 200 and 800 respectively. The jump in government is somewhat artificial in nature and is of little or no economic significance. Local government employment rebounded as schools opened following a brief recess which was in progress during the January survey. Job reductions in trade and services of 200 and 100 respectively occurred from January to February.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers decreased from $8.39 in January to $8.37 in February. This drop was fostered by a decrease in the amount of overtime worked in the nondurable manufacturing group. The average factory work week fell 1.2 hours from January to 38.7 hours in February.

During February 1984, hourly earnings averaged $8.16 and the average weekly hours worked came to 39.5 hours.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current: February, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	94,400	93,700	92,900	+700	+1,500
Manufacturing	19,300	19,300	19,200	0	+100
Durable Goods	10,300	10,300	9,900	0	+400
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,400	9,4009,100	0	+300	
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,000	9,300	0	-300
Food Processing	3,800	8,300	4,000	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Nonmanufacturing	75,100	74,400	73,700	+700	+1,400
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,200	3,000	2,900	+200	+300
Transportation & Utilities	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
Trade	25,500	25,700	25,200	-100	+300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	+200
Services	22,800	22,900	22,600	-100	+200
Government	13,100	12,300	12,700	+800	+400
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,400	10,600	11,000	+800	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Overall payrolled employment will probably show a slight rise during March. This increase will reflect normal seasonal changes in the nonmanufacturing sector.

The number of unemployed persons is expected to edge downward in March. The rate of unemployment should drop one or two-tenths of a percentage point during the month.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$323.92	$334.76	$322.32	38.7	39.9	39.5	$8.37	$8.39	$8.16
Durable Goods	317.00	330.47	318.35	38.8	40.4	40.4	8.17	8.18	7.88
Nondurable Goods	333.80	340.56	326.61	38.5	39.1	38.2	8.67	8.71	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	372.10	374.42	380.03	40.8	41.1	41.9	9.12	9.11	9.07
Other Nondurable Goods	315.28	323.47	298.29	37.4	38.1	36.2	8.43	8.49	8.24

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